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EXAMINING GROUP 2621

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Daisuke KOTAKE, ET AL.	)	
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Appln. No.: 09/818,627	)	
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For: IMAGE REPRODUCTION	)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination, and in response to the final Office Action dated July 14, 2005, please amend the application as indicated below.